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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

- This communication is responsive to Amendment filed April 2, 1996.
- All the claims being allowable. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- The allowed claims are 4, 5, 10-18, now renumbered 1 to 11.
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [] been received. [] not been received. [] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
- Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: Applicants' Amendment filed April 2, 1996, Paper No. 7, is acknowledged. Claims 1 to 3 and 6 to 9 are canceled. New claim 18 is presented. Claims 4, 5 and 10 to 18 are presently under consideration.

Subsequent to the cancellation of claim 1 and the introduction of claim 18, the claims are limited to the method of treating a kidney disorder that is renal osteodystrophy. Accordingly, the rejection of record under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn because this issue of enablement is rendered moot.

The disclosure was objected to under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the last Office Action as failing to provide an enabling disclosure. It was asserted undue experimentation would be required by one skilled in the art to determine which vitamin D compound exhibits the desired effect of suppressing hyperparathyroidism while at the same time having a minimal effect on calcium and phosphorus levels. New claim 18 is limited to 19-nor-vitamin D₂ type compounds. Accordingly, the objection of record is withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4 to 7 and 14 to 17 were rejected in the last Office Action as being unpatentable over both Lee et al., Proc. Workshop Vitam. D, and DeLuca et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,246,926. The instant claims are directed to methods of administering 19-

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nor vitamin D₂ compounds where there is renal failure, which is in contradistinction to Lee's teaching where there is normal renal function. Further, Lee teaches a normalizing effect of 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ that may lead to an increase or decrease in levels of phosphorus. The instant methods result in no change in serum phosphorus levels. DeLuca does not teach or suggest an effect on phosphorus levels and the clear use of 19-nor vitamin D₂ to treat renal osteodystrophy. Thus the rejection of record under 35 U.S.C. 103 is withdrawn.

There is no teaching or suggestion in the references of the prior art to motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify prior methodologies involving the administration of vitamin D compounds and expect to arrive at the present method of treating renal osteodystrophy while avoiding hyperphosphatemia through administration of a 19-nor vitamin D₂ compound. Claims 4, 5 and 10 to 18 are allowed in view of the contemporary knowledge of the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Spivack whose telephone number is (703) 308 4703.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 1235.

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12 June 1996

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